



## **Soft Market Testing**

### **PROVISION FOR THE SUPPLY OF DOG KENNELING SERVICES IN THE BOROUGH OF BASINGSTOKE & DEANE**

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council ("the Council") has a duty to provide a Dog Kennelling service that can cater for the shelter and care of stray dogs found within the borough, with access 24hrs a day.

The council is currently in a contract but is taking this opportunity to see if there are any suitable providers of this service in the market place who would be able to provide a contract with the following mandatory requirements:

- The provision and maintenance of three (3) kennels for the sole use of the Council.
- To allow 24 hour access to the kennels when required to officers of the Council and our out of hours stray dog collection contractor as necessary.
- For operational reasons the Council is seeking to appoint a supplier whose kennels are a 30 minute maximum drive from the Civic Offices in London Road, Basingstoke RG214AH at any time of the day, i.e. taking account of peak volumes of traffic
- To have the capacity to allow for extra kennels above the contracted three, as and when the Council requires them.
- Ensure that no more than 1 dog is housed per kennel, unless first agreed with the Supervising Officer.
- The provision of food, water, bedding and general care to the benefit of the dogs placed in the kennels. This may include the administration of medication where necessary.
- The provision of daily exercise either on a lead or in an enclosed area apart from the kennel run.
- To arrange, (at the cost of the Council), veterinary care in an emergency and otherwise to advise the Council when you suspect an animal placed with you by the Council may require veterinary treatment.
- To maintain such written records as required by the Supervising Officer.
- Sufficient site security, as approved by the Supervising Officer, shall be provided for the kennels to prevent, so far as is reasonably practical, the unauthorised removal of any stray dog which is the responsibility of the Council.

The council would welcome receiving contact details from suitable supplies that are able to fulfil all the mandatory requirements listed above and who are interested potentially in being contacted about this opportunity in the near future.

#### Contact Details

For questions regarding this service; you are welcome to contact,

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Please return responses to [procurement@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@basingstoke.gov.uk) by **12:00 noon Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August.**

For the avoidance of doubt no information provided in response to this questionnaire will be used by the Council in assessing providers during any procurement process.